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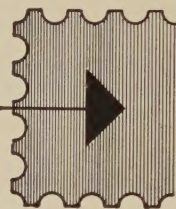
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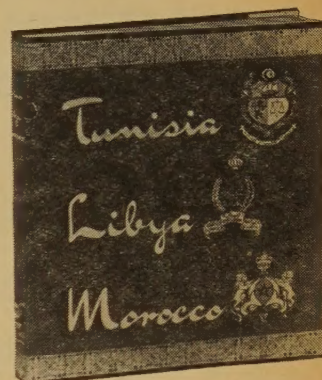
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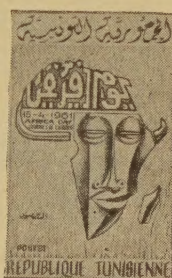
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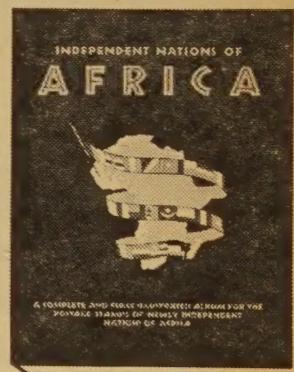
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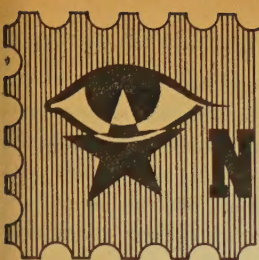
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TOPEX 1961

AMERICAN Topical Association members from all over the United States attended the TOPEX convention in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, June 16-18, 1961, as well as some from Canada, Austria, and France.

The first day ceremonies were opened with an invocation by the Rev. Donald F. Hursh. The chairman of the event, Homer L. Jones extended greetings to the visitors; and introduced Curtis P. Paessler, president of the host organization, the Johnstown Stamp Club; Jerome Husak, executive secretary; Harvey E. Johnson, ATA president; and Foster H. Coyle, postmaster of Johnston.

Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., Director of the Division of Philately, Washington, D. C., represented the Post Office Department, and presented souvenir albums to distinguished guests. The benediction was delivered by the Rev. Father Patrick McKeivan. Mrs. Alma Cramer, Women's Program Director of WARD radio and tv., presided. The entire ceremony was broadcast live over WARD.

The 11c airletter sheet went on first day sale during the show, and this attractive new aerophilatelic item will make a fine showpiece for the collector's album. Supervisor of first day sales was George R. King, and representing the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee was William N. Posner.

In the exhibition Mrs. Helen S. Myers of Aurora, Illinois, won the grand award which had been donated by Harvey E. Johnson; her exhibit showed sacred music on stamps. The tenth anniversary TOPEX award presented by the Husaks was won by Dr. Joseph H. Kler, M.D., of New Brunswick, N.J., for medical history on stamps.

The awards were presented at the banquet. Myrtle I. Watt presented special awards to the six persons who had attended all ten TOPEX shows 1952-1961: Catherine D. Cas-

parry, Josephine Harper, Mrs. Lawrence A. Husak, Jerome Husak, Homer L. Jones, and Edgar W. Spurgeon.

Miss Casparry presented the two 1961 Distinguished Topical Philatelist awards, which are given each year, to Mrs. Shirley Tucker and Edgar W. Spurgeon. All previous winners of this award, given for outstanding service to topical collecting and the A.T.A., received handsome plaques.

Attractive awards were presented for the most outstanding of the eighty-two topical entries in this 366 frame exhibition. The judges, Dr. Melvin J. Andrews, MD.; James C. Schlitz; E. W. Spurgeon; and Henry W. Walter presented the following special prizes: Fine Arts Unit & COROS awards to Mrs. Helen S. Myers (Sacred Music); Medical Subjects Unit, Rotary Unit, and South Jersey Stamp Club awards, Joseph H. Kler, M.D. (Medical & Rotary); Biology Unit, Ruth Grissman (Flowers); Merida Wilde Award, Mrs. Dorothy Fordham (Flowers); Ships Unit, August H. Pritzlaff Jr.; Carto-Philatelists Map Unit & APS member awards, Mrs. Evelyn T. Nelson; Best Pennsylvania Resident Award, Dr. Wil-

liam F. Harris (Polar-IGY); Harold Arnold Europa Award, Paul Goldberg; Casey Jones Railroad Unit, Joan C. Pritzlaff; and Mexico City Chapter Architecture Award, Juliette G. Stauffer.

First awards (Gold Medals) went to J. H. Kler, M.D. (Rotary); John Kovatch (Roosevelt); Rev. Angelus La Fleur (Franciscans); Angela Minerva (Masks); Ruth Grissman (Flowers); Mrs. Evelyn T. Nelson (Maps); Dr. W. F. Harris (Polar-IGY); John Thomas (Bible); Dorothy Perrin (Insects); and Dr. A. A. Cooperman (Roosevelt).

TOPEX '62 will be held June 15-17, 1962, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The exhibition will be housed in the Municipal Auditorium, while the Antlers Hotel, a few blocks away, will be headquarters. Details will be available shortly from William C. Henderson, The Mayor, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mohrmann's 108th Auction

THE 108th auction by Edgar Mohrmann & Co., of Hamburg, Germany, was held June 6-10, 1961, at Duesseldorf, with some 250 floor bidders. The first and last days of the auction were transmitted in part over television,



First day cover from Joachim Dill, Bad Neustadt, Germany, with the attractive Luxembourg stamp issued June 11, 1961, depicting the Ettelbruck Patton Monument, and with special Patton Remembrance Day cancellation. The monument was erected by the town of Ettelbruck and the whole country of Luxembourg to commemorate the American victory by the late George S. Patton, Jr., and his Third Army in the Battle of Ardennes during the winter of 1944-45.



Visitors to the Interpex Showcase held recently at the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel stop to admire the special exhibit "A Decade of United Nations Stamps", prepared by the UN Postal Administration especially for this event.

and the German and other European press covered it rather fully. It has been a record season for the firm.

It is often said that the last auction of the season is an omen for the coming season, and this June sale of Mohrmann was so successful that it would seem on this basis to forecast an international boom in the coming fall season.

Some of the prices realized are as follows: SAXONY, 1850—3 pfg. red, vertical pair on wrapper, \$3,250.00 (Scott cat. \$800); a single copy on cover brought \$650.00 (Scott \$400). GERMAN EMPIRE, 1901—3 pfg. on half of 5 pfg., Vineta provisional, \$900.00 (Scott \$300); another copy fetched \$875.00. BADEN, 1862—18

Kr. green, vertical mint pair, \$290.00 (Scott \$120). BAVARIA, 1849—1 kr. horizontal mint pair, \$250.00 (Scott \$170). CAROLINE ISLANDS, 1910 5 pfg. on 3 pfg., on card, \$490.00 (Scott \$275). GERMANY, OFFICES IN MOROCCO, 1900—6.25 pes. on 5 mk., mint, type II, with thin overprint, \$550.00.

One of the finest specialized BREMEN collections was broken up for sale in this auction, and prices received for items from it were extremely high. Here are some of the realizations: 1855, 3 Gr., vertical on cover \$260. (Scott \$60.); 3 Gr. vertical, type II, a very fine copy on cover with BREMERHAVEN postmark \$800.00 (Scott \$60.); 3 Gr. horizontally, laid paper, fine copy,

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\$360.00; another copy fetched \$250.00 (Scott \$60.); 3 Gr., a mint block of 6, four stamps with watermark, \$1,300.00; 7 Gr., superb copy on piece \$210.00; another single copy \$180.00 (Scott \$125.); 1861, 2 Gr. orange, superb copy \$350.00 (Scott \$175.); 2 Gr., a single copy on piece of original \$460.00; another fine single copy \$425.00 (Scott \$175.); 3 Gr. a very fine piece on cover, vertically, laid paper \$450.00 (Scott \$50.); 1861, 10 Gr. black, a superb copy on piece, \$390.00 (Scott \$100.); 1863, 5 Sgr. green, superb copy on cover, \$165.00 (Scott \$40); 5 Sgr., chalky paper on cover, superb copy, \$175. (Scott \$40); 1866, 5 Gr., imperf. between, \$250.00 (Scott \$150.); 1867, 7 Gr. yellow, superb copy on piece, \$1,075.00; another single copy of the same stamp US \$750. (Scott \$300.); 10 Gr. black, superb copy, \$340.00; another single copy, \$250.00 (Scott \$90.); 5 Sgr. green on chalky paper, superb copy on cover, \$225.00 (Scott \$45.).

A Heliogoland collection with a catalog value of \$1,600.00 fetched \$2,500.00.

OLDENBURG, 1859, 3 Gr. \$300.00 (Scott \$80.); GREAT BRITAIN, 1902, Edward £10 S. I. R. Official, mint copy, \$3,125. (Scott \$5,000.); AUSTRIA, 1851, Mercury, 6 Kr. yellow on newspaper \$625.00; RUMANIA, MOLDAVIA, 1854, 54 Par. on cover fetched \$775.00 (Scott \$350.); SWITZERLAND, ZURICH, 6 Rp. unused strip of 5, without gum, slightly cut horizontal lines, \$1,050.00 (Scott \$875.); 1848, DOUBLE GENEVA, 10 C. yellow/green, slightly thin \$1,200.00 (Scott \$2,200.); BASEL, 2 1/2 Rp., superb copy on cover fetched US \$1,025.00 (Scott \$500.).

Prices for all European stamps were very high as also the British Colonies; and there was a strong demand for USA stamps.

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Increasing interest is evident in the older regular issue plate blocks and we are pleased to make this offering in two grades of condition. All are perf. 11 x 10 1/2 or 10 1/2 x 11 as listed by Scott except #631 is imperforate.

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Leon Montes

JUDGE LEON MONTES, universally known Haitian philatelist, died on May 26, 1961, at the age of 79.

Mr. Montes was born on February 17, 1882. He took his degree in law from the Ecole de Droit of Port-au-Prince, and was appointed a judge in 1910. He resigned from the bench in 1934, at which time he had for some years been judge at the Court of Cassation, the highest court in Haiti.

Judge Montes had been a collector since childhood. He began a serious study of the stamps of Haiti around 1902, and became one of the most outstanding experts in the field. In 1954 his work, *La Timbrologie Haitienne 1881-1954*, was published. Besides the information he had gathered in a half-century of collecting, this work included a highly specialized catalog.

His collection of Haiti, probably unique in the world, won awards at CIPEX and FIPEX, among other exhibitions. He also had very fine collections of several countries that he never exhibited. Just to name a few: Belgium, France, Egypt, Saar, Uruguay, and a large airpost collection of the world.

Judge Montes was a life member of the *American Philatelic Society* and a member of the *American Air Mail Society*.

He will be greatly missed by his numerous philatelic friends, and for this writer his passing is a deep personal loss, as we had been close friends for over twenty years. He is survived by two sons: Max and Jan.

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Our thanks to the United Nations Postal Administration for covers carried on the first flight by BWIA jet from New York to Trinidad, June 10, 1961.

Through a printer's error the bottom stamp on the plate of stamps shown on page 422 of our June 10th article in Jerry Husak's article was captioned as a "Prussian" instead of a "Russian" stamp.

Jack Shaber, of Brooklyn, New York, advises that his name was inadvertently omitted from the list of ISPEX awards. He won the American First Day Cover Society trophy, donated by Bernard Ring, for his exhibit of World Refugee Year stamps and first day covers.

Our thanks for covers to the following: Sally and Jerry Husak, an attractive cachet design on the new 11c air letter sheet issued June 16, 1961, at the tenth annual TOPEX in Johnstown, Penna., and the same design on a first day cacheted envelope with the TOPEX STATION cancellation. William Rice, Windsor, Conn. dealer, for launching of U.S.S. Thomas Edison at Groton, Conn., June 15; Lt. Paul H. Sayles, San Francisco, cachet for U.S.S. Scamp commissioning, Vallejo, Calif., June 5; and Brooks Postal Service, New York, first jet airmail Trinidad to New York by BWIA.

A postcard from our old friend Henry Chaloner, well known in the stamp field for many years, advises that he is having a pleasant vacation at Richardson Springs, California.

William L. Innes, of New York, sends a clipping from the June 2, 1961, Wall Street Journal, with a little item reading: "Minor Memos: Sign posted in a Treasury office: 'Money isn't everything' . . . The Post Office Department considers using a new type of stamp that wouldn't require cancellation; it would crumple into unusable form if removed from an envelope." Do you believe it, my fellow-collectors?

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Due to failing eyesight, Mr. Milburn decided to dispose of his collection, but in order that his three decades of study should not be dispersed, he determined to sell it intact. United States Bureau Issues collectors will be pleased therefore at the announcement made last week by Herman Herst, Jr., of Shrub Oak, New York, who obtained a buyer for the collection.

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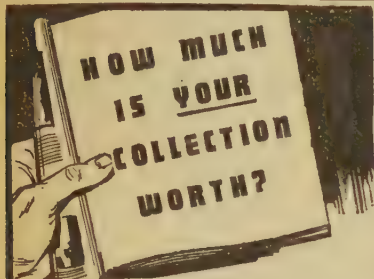
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Mr. Gear specialized in Chicago Street Car R.P.O.'s, and wrote on this subject for the Third American Philatelic Congress. He also collected railroad cancellations and U. S. 19th and 20th century, and was a member of the Bureau Issues Association.

In business life Mr. Gear was director of purchases for the Commonwealth Edison Company, which utility he joined in 1928 after being graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, N. Y. He was a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Besides philately, he was interested in model railroading.

Mr. Gear is survived by his widow, Lucy; and three sons, Robert B. Jr., Donn V., and Harry B.

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Mr. Engel conducted his bidding for this stamp over the telephone during the course of the auction, competing against floor bids of \$8000, the opening bid, all the way up to \$9500 which he topped by \$250 over the wire to conclude the sale of the lot.

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Part of the material is reproduced from articles Mr. Shenfield has written and had published over the past twenty-five years, but these have been carefully revised to include all new information that subsequent research has revealed.

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The 4-cent Boy Scout Golden Jubilee and the 4-cent World Refugee Year commemoratives were removed from sale at the Philatelic Sales Agency in Washington as of the close of business June 14, 1961. Both were released during 1960, and had initial printings of 120,000,000.

Special Cancellations

Hurley, New York, and West Hurley, New York, are using special cancellations from time of receipt through December 31, 1961, with the wording "TOWN OF HURLEY 300TH ANNIVERSARY." Dedham, Massachusetts, is utilizing a special cancel from time of receipt through September 16, 1961, reading "DEDHAM CELEBRATING 325 YEARS SEPTEMBER 10-16."

In another dual observance, the towns of Mamaroneck and Larchmont, New York, are each to have special slogan postmarks in use from July through September 30, 1961, reading "300TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAMARONECK, NEW YORK, 1661-1961."

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Wiesbaden German-American Philatelic Day

By LT. COL. JAMES T. HERBST

PHILATELIC Day, sponsored by the Wiesbaden German-American Stamp Club on May 7, 1961, was commemorated by a cacheted envelope depicting the U. S. 10c Liberty Bell airmail and the 10 pfg. Berlin Freedom Bell stamps. The cancellation stamp used by the Deutsche Bundespost was a steel-engraved circular type with the Freedom Bell design, as seen in the accompanying cover illustration. Covers presented for cancellation by the APO received an official May 7, 1961 A.P.O. 633 cancellation in addition to the U. S. Army and Air Force commemorative rubber handstamp type with the Freedom Bell design. The cancellations by APO 633 were made only at the Eagle Club on Philatelic Day. There were only 5000 covers made. Two types of envelopes in white and grey-white were used by the printer.

The covers were very much in demand by collectors and visitors on Philatelic Day. By 11 A.M. supplies were nearly exhausted, and 300 were withdrawn from sale to satisfy collectors and visitors who would be coming during the afternoon. When made available again the 300 covers were quickly sold out.

There were 584 registered admissions to Philatelic Day, with each guest receiving two covers for his admission fee. Mail orders accounted for 1,050, and 100 covers went to German and American dignitaries and philatelic publications.



Cover from the Wiesbaden German-American Philatelic Day discussed here.

It was the first time that the Deutsche Bundespost had approved double franking and cancellations on souvenir covers. This was granted only the day before opening, and did not permit publicity on the mixed franking. Covers had to be presented at the Eagle Club and the Deutsche Bundespost, and APO 633 sub-station for cancellation. Double-franked and double-cancelled covers could not be used for official mailing, but an unknown quantity were deposited in the Deutsche Bundespost mail box and later accepted. It is believed that a relatively small number of covers with the double franking were actually sent through the mails. The bulk of covers were cancelled as souvenirs and returned to collectors over the post office counters.

Mail order covers were franked with the 40 pfg. Marshall and 1 pfg. West Berlin stamps for regular mail, for airmail the 40 pfg. German Europa stamp was added.

Mail orders for covers were franked with the 40 pfg. Marshall and 1 pfg. West Berlin stamps for normal mail and for airmail the 40 pfg. Germany Europa stamp was added. Souvenir covers for dignitaries and philatelic publications were franked with the 40 pfg. Marshall, 1 pfg. Berlin and a 4-cent U. S. Flag stamp of either the 48, 49 or 50 star variety. The U. S. Flag and German Marshall stamps on souvenir covers set the pattern for collectors and visitors and were very much in demand. Only limited supplies of both stamps could be made available on Philatelic Day, and were soon exhausted. Consequently many interesting franking combinations were prepared by collectors from their stocks of available material.

The club, in fairness to collectors made available all stocks of covers. U. S. Flag and Marshall stamps. Since all stocks were completely exhausted, efforts are being made by the club to secure souvenir covers from individuals in an attempt to satisfy some of the late mail orders and inquiries still being received. These have come in from all over the U. S. and Europe. Since very

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few individuals had foresight enough to buy large quantities of covers, few offers are being received. Americana, German and Freedom and Friendship interests should create a further demand for this cover when it becomes more widely known. The special cancellations are a first-time event not having been previously approved by either postal authority.

Many acknowledgements of the souvenir covers have been received from both German and American dignitaries and collectors. Of particular interest to U. S. collectors would be those from The White House; Franklin Bruns, Director, Division of Philately, U. S. Post Office; Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force; General Norstad, Supreme Commander, Allied Powers, Europe and Mrs. George C. Marshall. Mr. Bruns states the souvenir cover will be added to the U. S. Post Office collection; General Norstad will add the cover to his collection and Mrs. Marshall advises that the cover will be added to her grandson's collection. Others, too numerous to mention here, have been received and will be made into a special portfolio for the Club's history.

The Club wishes to extend its thanks to those helping it to make Philatelic Day such a great success. Particular thanks are extended to the Deutsche Bundespost, the Army and Air Force Postal Service, 7025th Air Postal Group, Det 2, 2nd Air Postal Squadron, USAFE Office of Information, Stars & Stripes and area and base papers and to the philatelic publications that contributed freely of their time and publicity assistance.

British First Day Covers Available to Dealers

THE Philatelic Traders' Society Limited, 2 Clements Inn, London, W.C.2, England, and **The British Philatelic Association** are jointly sponsoring three first day souvenir covers in connection with the three 1961 commemorative stamp issues: Post Office Savings Bank Centenary on August 28; CEPT (Europa), Sept. 18; and the Parliamentary Association Conference, Sept. 25.

United States dealers who are interested should contact the P.T.S. at the foregoing address for details. The minimum order of each kind is for 250 envelopes, and the P.T.S. can make the necessary arrangements for servicing on the behalf of U. S. dealers from among their membership.

Alstede Ship Covers

THE Universal Ship Cancellation Society reports that the U.S.S. *Alstede* will service one stamped self-addressed en-

velope per collector during the vessel's Mediterranean cruise during July 1961. Cover with postage affixed should be sent to **William R. Skelly, Jr., U. S. S. Alstede (AF-48), % Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y.** Commemoratives on enclosing cover will be appreciated.

The *Alstede* is named after the asteroid or minor planet 955, discovered in 1921 and named *Alstede* in 1928. The vessel is a logistical-support type which provides food and other provisions for the United States Navy's Sixth Fleet. The ship was commissioned on May 17, 1948.

Mexican Chapter A.T.A. Exhibition

FROM Leon Helguera, who is an honorary member of the Mexican Chapter of the American Topical Association, we

have the information that the Chapter was to hold its first formal exhibition called ATAMEX beginning June 20, 1961, and continuing for some seventeen days at the Mexican North American Cultural Institute.

Mr. Helguera, whose letter was sent us prior to the event, advised that a great variety of material was lined up for the exhibition. He himself was showing some souvenir sheets presented to him by the U. S. Post Office, as well as UN auto-graphed sheets, signed by those who were present at the ceremonies for the first UN stamp. Also, through mere coincidence, two of Mr. Helguera's stamp designs are represented on cacheted first day covers, the U. S.-Canada Friendship stamp of 1948 and the Mexican Independence joint issue of 1960.

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349 2c Carmine, Coil.....	2.25	560 8c Olive Green.....	14.80	3.70	
350 4c Brown, Coil..... (Pair 12.40)	6.20	561 9c Rose.....	3.10	.78	
352 1c Green, Coil..... (Pair 5.85)	2.95	562 10c Orange.....	4.60	1.15	
353 2c Carmine, Coil..... (Pair 4.30)	2.15	564 12c Brown Violet.....	2.10	.53	
368 2c Lincoln, Imperf.....	14.60	565 14c Dark Blue.....	1.80	.45	
371 2c Alaska-Yukon, Imperf.....	18.00	566 15c Gray.....	4.60	1.15	
373 2c Hudson-Fulton, Imperf.....	16.40	567 20c Carmine Rose.....	5.40	1.35	
376 3c Violet.....	1.30	568 25c Green.....	5.00	1.25	
379 6c Orange.....	3.30	569 30c Olive Brown.....	6.40	1.60	
385 1c Green, Coil..... (Pair 2.60)	1.30	570 50c Lilac.....	10.80	2.70	
386 2c Carmine, Coil.....	1.90	571 1c Violet Black.....	10.60	2.65	
387 1c Green, coil..... (Pair 5.80)	2.90	572 3c Deep Blue.....	30.00	7.50	
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397 1c Panama Pacific.....	1.20	584 3c Violet perf. 10.....	11.60	2.90	
399 5c Panama Pacific.....	8.15	590 9c Deep Rose.....	1.90	.48	
400 10c Same, Orange Yellow.....	57.00	591 10c Orange.....	3.25		
400a 10c Same, Orange.....	18.00	611 2c Harding, Imperf.....	3.60		
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412 1c Green, Coil..... (Pair 1.35)	.68	617 1c Lexington-Concord.....	1.65	.40	
413 2c Carmine, Coil..... (Pair 4.80)	2.40	618 1c Lexington-Concord.....	4.10	1.00	
419 20c Ultramarine.....	9.25	619 5c Lexington-Concord.....	9.60	2.40	
440 50c Violet.....	58.50	620 2c Norse-American.....	3.40	.85	
442 2c Carmine, Coil..... (Pair 2.20)	1.10	621 5c Norse-American.....	17.00	4.25	
443 1c Green, Coil..... (Pair 1.80)	.90	622 13c Green.....	2.90	.72	
444 2c Carmine, Coil..... (Pair 6.00)	3.00	623 17c Black.....	2.80	.70	
461 2c Carmine, S. L. wmk....	7.45	628 5c Ericsson.....	6.00	1.50	
465 1c Brown.....	2.25	644 2c Burgoyne.....	2.60	.65	
466 5c Blue.....	4.40	647 2c Hawaii.....	3.80	.95	
478 1c Violet Black.....	72.50	648 5c Hawaii.....	11.20	2.80	
483 3c Violet Imperf. Ty I....	5.80	650 5c Aeronautics.....	2.90	.73	
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501 3c Violet, Type I.....	2.15	833 32 Presidential.....	11.20	2.80	
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508 8c Olive Bistre.....	.93	C4 8c Green.....	8.00	2.00	
509 9c Salmon Red.....	1.02	C5 16c Blue.....	31.25	7.80	
511 11c Green.....	.83	C6 24c Carmine.....	39.00	9.75	
513 13c Yellow Green.....	.93	C18 50c Zeppelin.....	36.00	9.00	
514 15c Gray.....	3.15	C24 24c Trans-Atlantic.....	6.00	1.50	
516 30c Orange Red.....	2.00	E7 10c Green, Spec. Del.....	15.85	3.95	
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Stamp Collecting Aids Rehabilitation

By JACK HOFFBERG

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A boy coming to this school for the first time is vindictive and resentful, but by patient efforts of the teaching staff, under the direction of the principal, *Irving M. Boroff*, the youth makes slow but good progress in social adjustment. The teachers are carefully selected and must have special qualifications. Their task is a difficult one. They first have to dissolve the suspicion

which obstructs the boy. Once this is done the usual educational programs follow. Classroom work includes the teaching of trades.

Hobbies are an important part of extra-curriculum activity. Before the writer introduced stamps, most of this activity was confined to photography, athletics, and woodwork. Stamp collecting has now become one of their major educational hobbies. From whatever source it is possible to obtain stamps, albums and supplies, the writer has been gathering them for disbursement to the eager new converts to philately.

Stamp sessions are held after school on Fridays of each week. A shoe box of stamps is spread on a table for the boys to take what each needs for his collection.

From time to time quiz programs are conducted by the writer. Successful contestants are rewarded with packets of stamps. The questions are prepared by the teaching

staff, familiar with the boys' ability to give the correct answers. All who attend get some stamps, and those boys who give correct answers in the quiz get stamps from the country to which the question is related.

This is a sample of some of the questions asked at a recent quiz:

What European country is known for its olives?

Answer: Italy.

The world's finest coffee comes from what South American country?

Answer: Brazil.

What country manufactures the most automobiles?

Answer: The United States.

English and French is spoken in a neighboring country . . . Name it.

Answer: Canada.

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Shades F	4.75
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.....VF	1.30
.....VF	1.30
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Shades G	4.00
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.....P	3.70
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7 tiny thin	
looks..VF	9.90
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38 ng..G	1.20
.....G	1.45
38a..G	1.45
.....G-VG	1.45
8a..G	1.00
8a..VF	1.65
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39..G-VG	3.00
.....AV	1.45
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.....G	2.40
.....G-VG	2.90
.....F	4.00
41 ng..G	5.00
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44 ng..P	3.45
5, 45a..VG	3.45
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.....G	9.90
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.....G	2.00
.....VG	2.50
.....VG	2.00
.....VG	1.45
.....F	2.75
.....F	6.95
.....G	4.75
33 Pair..VF	.90
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Shades F	2.90
12.....G	1.95
.....VG	2.40
.....F	3.00
12 10 diff.	
Shades VG	17.90
*13 ng..VG	1.75
13.....F	1.00
13.....VG	1.35
13 10 diff.	
Shades G	5.90
*15 ng..VG	2.25
16.....VG	1.00
16 6 diff.	
Shades VG	4.75
18a.....VG-F	2.50
19b.....VF	5.95
21a.....F	6.90
22.....G	2.90
*23.....P	1.70
*23.....AV	2.40
*23 ng..F	5.90
23.....G	2.00
*25 ng..AV	2.90
*25 ng..G	3.90
*25 ng..VG	4.70
25.....AV	1.90
*25a.....G	2.70
*25a.....VG	3.00
26a.....G	2.90
26a.....VG	2.60
*31 ng..G	3.45
31.....AV	1.60
31.....VG	2.50
*35.....P-AV	2.00
34, 5 14 diff.	
Shades G	3.45
36a.....VG	1.00
36, 36a 12 diff.	
Shades G	5.90
38, 38a 10 diff.	
Shades G	3.45
*47.....G	3.90
*48.....VG	1.00
.....F	1.25
59 Postal Cancel	
60-75..G	1.90
60-75..VF	3.00
70-72..F	1.00
75.....F	1.00
*82-88..VF	1.95
*90.....VF	4.95
102.....F	1.35
102.....S	1.75
*105 9 diff.	
Proofs..S	2.90
124-33..VG	1.45
132, 33..VF	1.00
171a..S	1.90
*251-53..VF	2.00
B1-B3..VF	1.75
B2-B3..VF	1.60
B2-B3..VF	2.25
B30.....VF	1.30
B30.....VF	1.75
B78-82..VF	.90
*B170-77 VF	1.75
B189-96..VF	1.00
B214-20..VF	1.60
*B225-32 VF	1.60
B231-92..S	1.50
C1-C4..VF	1.00
E1-E6..VF	1.45
Q5.....AV	1.00
Q5.....G	1.25
*Q7 imprf S	1.00
*Q8 imprf S	1.00
*Q11 imprf VF	2.00
*Q12 imprf VF	2.00
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*14-18..F	2.40
24a.....VF	1.35
*26.....G	3.45
26.....G-VG	1.60
26.....VF	2.25
*31-35..VF	2.60
33, 6, 7..F	1.00
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*128, 29 VF	2.45
129-37 VF	1.95
139-55 VF	1.00
*B1-B7 VF	.95
*B8.....VF	1.70
*B26a-f VF	2.60
*B32-33 VF	1.00
*B32-33 S	1.30
*C5.....VF	1.00
*C14, 15 VF	1.65
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looks..VF	29.90
21.5 very tiny thin	
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looks..VF	39.90
21.6 Superb	40.00
*21.61..AV	5.00
5 tiny thin	
looks..S	24.90
7.....AV	4.95
7.....VF	8.95
*8.....P	3.00
8, a, b..P	1.90
8, a, b..AV	2.25
8, a, b..VF	5.45
8, a, b..F	6.95
10.....P	1.00
10.....VG	1.65
10a.....VG	1.95
10a.....AV	1.60
10a.....VG	1.90
12.....VG	2.45
17.....G	1.65
17a.....G	2.45
18.....P-AV	6.00
21, 37 50 diff.	
Shades F	7.90
*22 ng..VG	5.00
23.....VG	1.00
23 pair..VF	3.95
25 pair..F	1.60
25 pair..VF	1.95
27a.....VG	2.00
28.....G	1.00
28.....VF	1.40
28.....F	1.75
28 10 diff.	
Shades F	8.95
29.....G	1.00
29.....F	1.75
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30.....G	9.90
33.....G-VG	2.40
34.....VG	3.45
34.....VG-F	3.45
35.....VG	3.95
36, 36a 40 diff.	
Shades F	9.90
39.....F	1.00
39 pair..F	2.45
39 10 diff.	
Shades F	6.95
40.....VG	1.00
40.....P-VF	1.35
40 pair..F	2.65
40 10 diff.	
Shades F	7.90
*41 ng..VF	1.65
*Q8 imprf S	1.00
48.....G	1.90
48.....F	2.65
48.....VF	3.40
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50a.....F	7.95
*52a ng..G	5.95
52a.....VG	1.00
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68.....AV	3.90
68.....G	3.95
*72a..VG	5.00
*74 ng..VG	1.75
75.....G	2.45

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79.....VG-F	3.00
*80.....F	1.00
*82.....VG	2.00
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*95 ng..F	2.25
*96.....VF	2.95
*100.....VG	1.25
*111.....F	9.95
*206.....VF	3.95
*308-27 S	2.40
*B4-6..G	1.90
B5, 6, 9 VG	1.00
*J16 ng VG	1.45
J19.....G-VG	5.95
J20.....AV	3.40
J20.....G-VG	5.60
J21-25 diff.	
Shades F	3.00
J26a..G	1.00
J28, 8a..G	1.25
J28.....VG-F	.90
3014..G	2.75
3030.....AV-G	1.70
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1, a-c..G	4.95
1, a-c..F	7.95
*2 ng..VF	17.90
2.....S	1.00
2.....S	1.75
*3 ng..F	18.90
*3.....F	19.90
3.....AV	1.65
*21.....F	1.95
3.....G-VG	2.25
3.....VG	2.45
3.....F	2.90
3.....G-VG	1.75
6.....VG	2.00
6a.....VG	1.45
6a.....VG-F	2.25
9.....VG-F	1.00
10.....VG-F	.90
11.....AV	1.00
11.....G	1.45
11.....G-VG	1.75
11.....VG-F	1.95
12.....AV	1.60
12.....VG	2.00
12.....VG	2.75
18.....AV	1.00
18.....G	1.30
18.....G-VG	1.65
20.....G-VG	2.00
20.....G-VG	3.45
22.....G	1.00
22.....G-VG	1.25
22.....F	1.60
*35b..VF	1.90
55-85 53 diff.	
Shades VF	3.00
*B1-B3..VF	1.50
*B1-B3..VG	2.60
B2-B2..S	3.90
*B18, 49 S	2.35
B77-89..VF	2.00
*B214-18 VF	1.65
*J1.....G	1.90
CURACAO	
1a ng..G	1.45
1b.....VG	1.60
*2b..G	2.45
2b.....VG	2.75
3b.....G	1.90
4b ng..G	2.35
4b.....G	2.45
6a.....G	2.60
7.....G	2.40
*8.....G	2.00
8.....G	1.45
10.....G	1.75
*13-16..F	.90
*13-17..G	1.00
*13-17..VF	1.45
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103.....VF	1.45
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B12-14..VF		1.40
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J4.....G		2.40
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J6.....VF		1.25
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020.....G-VG		1.90
031-27..F		5.40
N11-14..VF		2.00
51, 51a 10 diff. Shades F		
52.....AV		2.00
52.....F		5.00
53 diff. Shades F		
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The Exit of Ceylon's Four-cent Postage

By K. D. JAYASEKERA

(Editor's Note: Mr. Jayasekera is the editor of "Muddara Toraturu", meaning "Stamp Review")

AS OF December 20, 1960, Ceylon's four-cent postage was abolished; printed matter rates now are 10c for the first ounce, and 4c for each additional two ounces or portion thereof.

The increase was among several new tax proposals introduced by the young Finance Minister of Ceylon to bring in additional revenue for development programs. The four-cent stamp which now will disappear from use has been in existence for over a decade. It was used mostly by business men and postal institutions to mail handbills, advertising circulars, monthly accounts, receipts, etc. The rate was four-cents for every two ounces or part thereof. The higher rate is expected to increase revenue by 2,500,000 rupees.

The first four-cent postage stamp made its appearance shortly after Ceylon attained its independence. The first Finance Minister of Free Lanka, *J. R. Jayawardhana*, who served in the administration of the late Premier *Rt. Hon. D. S. Senan-*

ayake, increased the rate on printed matter by one cent over the former three-cent rate. From January 24, 1949, such postal matter had to bear 4c postage, but as there were no stamps immediately available of that denomination, it was necessary to affix two stamps of the 2c value (KGVI rubber tapping, Scott's Type A58).

The first 4c postage stamp was issued on February 4, 1949, eleven days after the increase had gone into effect. This stamp commemorated the first anniversary of independence, and bore the National Flag as its design; above the flag was the inscription "Independence Commemoration/4th February 1948" in two lines.

Exactly one year later, on February 4, 1950, a two-color four-cent stamp in purple and scarlet was issued, with the Kandyan Dancer as its subject. The third four-cent stamp of independent Ceylon, issued on May 10, 1956, commemorated the 2500th anniversary of Buddha Jayanthi, the colors being greenish yellow and deep blue. The first centenary of Ceylon postage brought another four-cent commemorative

stamp on April 1, 1957. This was one of a set of four, and was printed in orange red and bluish green. On May 14, 1958, the four-cent Kandyan Dancer stamp of 1950 was reissued with inscriptions in Sinhalese and a slight change in the scarlet color.

Another four-cent stamp, which was considered to be the most colorful so far issued, came out on April 7, 1960, in connection with the World Refugee Year. This was one value of a pair, the other value being 25c, both of the same "uprooted tree" design, surmounted by the golden lion of Ceylon.

The names of *J. R. Jayawardhana*, the first Finance Minister, and *Felix Dias Bandaranayake*, the present Finance Minister, will no doubt be remembered in philatelic annals as the originator and the repealer of the four-cent postage stamp.

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Philatelic Notes

By George van den Berg

MOST Japanese affix stamps to envelopes with a touch of rice paste, and all post offices are equipped with jars and brushes for patrons' use. This explains the tough time one has in soaking used stamps off piece, for rice paste is not soluble in water. It softens, swells up, and has to be scraped off.

At that, many copies stick to drying paper even after three or four soakings and scrapings and one can work but slowly, often damaging material in the process. Rice paste also encourages mildew and fungus growth, which accounts for the brown spots seen on many copies so, if you live in a damp climate, you've got to be sure that every trace of rice paste has been removed.

ONE way of getting started philatelically in Japan is to attend a meeting of your nearest stamp club. They're found everywhere. Several friends have told me that there are at least twenty-five in Tokyo alone, and, seeing how popular stamps are, that's probably an understatement.

Stamp window clerks are very stamp conscious and in Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, and Kobe, they've told me when and where the nearest club meets. You need have no hesitancy in dropping in, for strangers are welcome, and upon payment of a small fee, have access to the refreshment table like everyone else and become one of the "boys."

THE Japanese Government Printing Bureau in Tokyo, a department of the Ministry of Finance, is one of the largest in the world and has long been famed for the beauty of its postage stamps and currency notes, as well as the typographic excellence of its publications in both Oriental and Western languages. Its main office is located at 15 Ichigaya-Honmura-cho, Shinju-ku, and it operates two service centers in Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo and in Higashi-ku, Osaka.

It has three paper mills at Odawara, Uji and Saidaiji and a research laboratory in Kita-ku, Tokyo. There are five printing plants, boasting the finest equipment of every kind, and strong on color presses. The three plants are the Takinogawa and Ichigaya works in Tokyo, one in Odawara, one in Shizuoka and one in Hikone.

The Bureau was founded in 1871 for the purpose of producing security printing, and in 1875 began letterpress work as well. The various establishments have a combined area of 220 acres and floor space of sixty-five acres. There are today seventeen papermaking machines and 500 presses capable of handling any and every type of printing. They have 7,600 employees.

The exquisite beauty of Japanese postage stamps is well-known to all philatelists, and Japanese stamps are among the most popular of all. What a far cry

between them, with limited printings of commens running from six to ten million, and the "wallpaper" appearing by the bale from Iron Curtain lands! Not only does the stamp department produce national postage and revenue issues, it manufactures them for the Philippines, Thailand, Viet-nam, the Ryukyus, and the United Nations as well as under special contract.

It is not easy to gain admission as a visitor and it can never be done in a hurry. But, if one lives in Japan and can go at a formally set date, generally quite some time in the future, it can be done.

The Bureau is quite rightfully proud of its work and has available for free distribution to visitors arriving at Tokyo's International Airport a large six-page brochure describing its work, which is illustrated by color reproductions of four present issue currency notes, 100 to 10,000 Yen, and twenty-one recent Japanese and foreign stamps, several being multi-colored. To prevent attempted use, the notes are shown smaller-sized than the originals while the stamps are larger. The brochure is itself a typographical gem of compelling excellence, and whenever I land at the airport, I get a few for friends.

So, if you're coming over yourself or if you have a friend coming over, get some directly or have him do it for you. They're just to the right of the snack bar.

Representative for IFA 1961

WE are informed that Herbert Rosen, of New York, has been appointed the U.S. representative for an international stamp exhibition known at IFA 1961, to be held in Duesseldorf, Germany, December 3-10, 1961. The event is held in cooperation with leading German philatelic organizations.

Mr. Rosen's chief personal philatelic interest is postal history. He is widely known in the field through his INTERPEX shows of the past few years.

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THE ISLAND of Jamaica is the largest of the British West Indian Islands and certainly very much more mountainous and picturesque, than any of the others. The north coast of Jamaica offers some extremely beautiful beaches, while on the eastern end of Jamaica, there is the Blue Mountain range which rises to 7,050 ft. above sea level.

Philatelically, Jamaica is one of the most popular Colonies in the world today, one very good reason being that very nearly all fields of pre-stamps have been recorded in the handbook of the late *L. C. C. Nicholson*. The very early stamps used in Jamaica were those of Great Britain, and they are extremely rare and much sought after. The numeral obliterations which were used at this period, can be found on all the early Jamaica stamps, and they were used up to early 1900.

Many of the leading American collectors go after these marks, and it is extremely difficult to form a complete collection. Only recently one of the most difficult letters of the obliterator series was found by *Harvey O'Connor* in a large bundle of post cards which he obtained at auction. The letter "C" was found to be *Laughlands*.

A complete list of all the obliterator numbers have been recorded in a small pamphlet published by the late Mr. Nicholson and which can be obtained in London; the earlier Handbook mentioned above is extremely rare and difficult to find; it was published in 1928.

The so-called "Pineapple" issue, which first appeared in 1860, received its name from the fact that

the watermark of the paper shows a sugarloaf pineapple, which is one of our best pineapples in the Colony. All of these stamps can be found with the watermark inverted; and the 1d and 4d values exist imperforate. One of the best items in this pineapple set was the bisected 1d, used as a 1/2d stamp. At that time there was no 1/2d. stamp on sale, so the bisecting of the 1d. was authorized. On full cover these are extremely good items.

In the 1/- value it will be found that there appears a \$ sign for the letter "S" and this is constant through all the 1/- values with the Queen Victoria head. This issue was replaced in 1870 by a similar series but with the watermark changed to Crown CC and with two additional values, the 2/- and 5/-.

In 1883 this same series was replaced with a different type of paper, namely, Crown CA. Stamps known as the Key Plate appeared in 1889, and these consist of just the 1d, 2d, and 2 1/2d values. The Provisional of 1890 was on sale for just a short period, and these have some very interesting varieties. The Landfall series of 1900 offers many shades, while the Arms issue of 1903 and 1905 have the "SER.ET" errors (instead of SERVIET) in the 1/2d, 1d, 2 1/2d, and 5d, of the 1903 but only the 1/2d and 5d of the 1905 issue.

The redrawn arms of 1906 are quite easy to find. The 1905 re-issue of the Queen Victoria head for her Jubilee year appeared with the watermark of Multiple CA. The 1911 issue with the Edward VII head in the 2d value was the only stamp to appear with the portrait of this

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Coming Events

July 5—Evanston-New Trier Philatelic Society meeting, 8 P.M., Foster Community Building, Foster St., Evanston, Ill. The Rev. Constant Johnson will talk on Letters from the Old West, including showing of territorials, express and rail covers.

July 7—Judge Donald Lybarger will talk on Philatelic Ramblings at Garfield-Perry Stamp Club meeting at 8 P.M., Hotel Manger, Cleveland, Ohio.

July 14—California Collectors Club will conduct Installation of Officers at Broadmore Hotel, 1499 Sutter St., San Francisco, Calif.

July 24—Informal summer meeting for Queen City Stamp and Cover Club of the American First Day Cover Society at 8:30 P.M., at Plainfield Trust State National Bank, 45 Martine Ave. S., Fanwood, N. J. Further information from secretary, Frank J. Aufrecht, 1448 Shirley St., Plainfield, N. J.

Aug. 10—Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo meeting in French Room, Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, Ohio. Door prize.

Aug. 16-20—Chicago Philatelic Society Diamond Jubilee Stamp Show in conjunction with American Philatelic Society 75th Convention at Gold Room of Congress Hotel, Michigan Ave., at Congress St., Chicago, Ill. Entries close July 28. Address all communications to exhibit chairman, W. H. Schulze, 2736 Gunnison St., Chicago 25, Ill.

Sept. 8-10—Hanover Stamp and Covers Club, AFDCS Chapter #11, 3rd annual exhibition HANAPEX 1961, in basement of Kuhn Auto Sales showroom, 1109 Carlisle St., Hanover, Pa. Three awards for best entries in each of six classes in addition to Grand Award. All collectors invited to participate. Prospectus and dealer information from Frederick E. Clark, R.D.#1, Hanover, Pa. Cachets will be postmarked Sept. 8, 6:00 P.M., at official opening. Cachets ten cents each from Oscar R. Leister, 401 East Hanover St., Hanover, Pa.

Sept. 18—Mound City Stamp Club to hold opening meeting for 1961-62 season

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Sept. 25—*Dutchess Philatelic Society*, 58 Market St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to hold Installation Dinner for recently elected officers. President is *Louis R. Campbell*, and corresponding secretary, *Gustav Detjen, Jr.*

Oct. 28-29—*American First Day Cover Society* National Convention in ballroom of Hotel Sinton, Cincinnati, Ohio. Bourse information from *Leo Longinotti*, 1619 Northwood, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Exhibit prospectus and entry blank from *Richard Traut*, 4541 Hamilton, Cincinnati 36, Ohio.

Miscellaneous Club Notes

The *Universal Ship Cancellation Society* is open to all collectors interested in USN postal cancellation, Maritime, Seapost and Paquebot mail. A sample copy of the organization's paper can be obtained on request accompanied by a 4c stamp to pay for postage from the editor, *Francis T. Boylan*, 820 Marshall, Belwood, Ill. Membership application blanks can be secured from *Gene Schelcher*, 117-28 169th St., Jamaica 34, New York, with return postage.

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The *Ghana-Togo African Philatelic Society* is dedicated to the study and collecting of philatelic material of independent African nations. The yearly dues are \$2.00, \$2.50 foreign. A sample copy of the Society's newsletter, information on membership and an application form may be obtained by sending eight cents return postage to the secretary, *Lena Martinez*, 1140 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn 13, N. Y.

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The *Philaterians*, of the *American Philatelic Society*, held its last regular meeting of the season recently in Chicago. There was an election of officers held which resulted in the first change in administration in several years; *Samuel Ray* is the new president, and *C. Albert Perz*, vice-president and secretary. The organization is private and membership is by invitation only.

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The *Masonic Stamp Club of New York* has adjourned for the summer. The next meeting will be on September 8, 1961, at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th St., New York, N. Y. An election of officers was held at the recent Annual Meeting. *Dr. S. Duffield Swan* is president and *Stanley A. Salomon*, secretary.

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What Philately Means to a Thirteen-Year-Old

Glenn E. Vest, of New Albany, Indiana, sends us a copy of a talk his grandson, *Bill Vest* (age 13) delivered in a Junior High School competition which he thought would interest our readers. We have selected the major portion of it, which follows:

PHILATELY is a popular hobby because it meets the needs of different individuals. For Franklin D. Roosevelt, during the times of stress and strain, philately provided relaxation. In his study, working on his stamp collection, he could rest for a time from pressing world problems and physical disabilities. For others, philately, in addition to furnishing enjoyment, fills distinct educational and citizenship needs. To me, these are the best reasons for stamp collecting, for I cannot pursue this hobby without acquiring a greater knowledge of and interest in my national heritage.

In reading about stamps, I came upon this statement. "The postage stamps of a nation are a picture gallery of its glories." I believe this, for stamps depict in miniature the nation's famous, its great events of history, its industries, its natural wonders. When I view the stamps in this picture gallery, I have various feelings. Stamps portraying the great men of my country fill me with patriotism, understanding, and gratitude.

When I see a stamp picturing George Washington, I feel that I know one of the greatest men that ever lived, the man who founded our country and laid the foundations of political procedures that we have followed since he was first elected President of the United States in 1789.

When I see a stamp symbolizing Lincoln, a warmth comes in my heart for I realize that he was a man who, though born in a log cabin, grew up to be one of the world's greatest men. I think of

him as a man who visioned America as a country free from racial prejudices.

The stamp depicting John Foster Dulles is a source of inspiration, for it represents another of our great countrymen — a writer, a churchman, and a Secretary of State. The late John Foster Dulles can well be represented on a stamp, for Americans can never forget his role as a fighter against Communism and against every enemy of freedom.

Stamps showing historical events: the landing of Columbus, the first inauguration of Washington in 1789, and the driving of the Golden Spike which marked the finish of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States; these teach me of the early progress of my country, and I am grateful.

Stamps symbolizing the great industries of steel, motion picture, and atomic energy give me a feeling of security, for these represent the strength and scientific power of my country. Stamps picturing natural wonders: Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, and the Yellowstone National Park, fill me with appreciation of the beauty and grandeur of my country.

Do you wish for something interesting and worthwhile to think about? Would you like to become a better citizen through the knowledge of your national heritage: its men, its historical events, its industries, its beauties? If so, why not try philately—an interesting and educational hobby.

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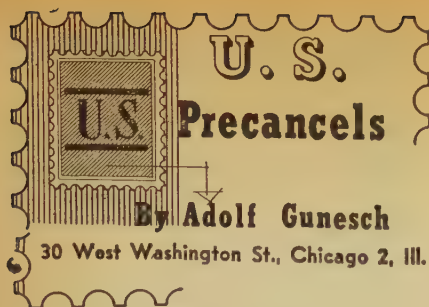
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U.S. Precancels
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THERE are certain questions concerning U. S. precancels that are asked fairly frequently, and we shall take these subjects up from time to time, even if they have been covered before in this column. There are always new collectors coming along, so if to some of my long-time readers I seem to be repeating myself, you will understand.

One thing which we cannot repeat too often, it seems, is that we do not give valuations on precancels, so please do not send them unless specifically requested by us. In asking questions too, please be sure to enclose return postage for a reply, a courtesy which so many overlook.

One of the frequently asked questions is how a "state control" precancel differs from a Bureau Print, and what exactly is a "state control" precancel. A "state control" precancel is one precancelled locally on stamps overprinted "Kans." or "Nebr." In 1929 the theft of stamps from post offices had become such a problem that the Post Office Department had the 1c to 10c denominations overprinted for post offices in Kansas and Nebraska, in the belief that any post office robberies from these districts could be more easily traced.

These stamps were issued to all but the largest post offices in Kansas and Nebraska very early in May 1929, but as they proved to have no practical purpose as a control, they were retired about a year later. The stamps were not supposed to be also precancelled, but during the 1929 Christmas season certain post offices which needed precancels and had no other stock on hand precancelled these Kans. and Nebr. overprinted stamps.

The extent of such precancellation can be judged by the fact that they were precancelled by some fifty towns in Kansas and more than sixty-five in Nebraska. Nevertheless, today most of these precancels are scarce, especially those from Kansas, and some denominations are even rare.

Their similarity to Bureau Precancels lies in the fact that the "Kans." and "Nebr." overprints were made at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, in the same manner in which Bureau Precancels are produced. That is to say, as the roll of stamps emerged from the rotary presses, the overprint was applied in one continuous operation before delivery to the post offices. The precan-

cellation, when it occurred, was done locally for the various post offices.

Thus, we have stamps with a Bureau overprint and a local precancellation. This also occurred with the Honolulu (Hawaii) precancels on the 2c and 5c stamps overprinted for the Hawaiian celebration and also at various post offices on the overprinted Molly Pitcher 2c commemorative.

Vatican Donates \$460,000 for Refugee Relief

THE HOLY SEE has made a special donation of \$460,000 to the Stamp Plan, organized jointly by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the UN Relief and Works Agency, according to information supplied by Jacques Minkus, President of the World Wide Philatelic Agency.

The \$460,000 donation constitutes the largest contribution made by any of the 76 countries and territories participating in the Stamp Plan, launched on April 7, 1960. It represents the total net proceeds from the World Refugee Year commemorative stamps issued by the Vatican.

Mr. Minkus, as head of the World Wide Philatelic Agency, was appointed to handle distribution of the W.R.Y. stamps, and through his efforts they were widely publicized in window displays and other advertising efforts. Minkus Publications have published a special W.R.Y. stamp album to house these historic stamps, and these are available at department stores from coast to coast whose names appear regularly in the Minkus advertising in STAMPS.

Trade Notes

V. Blauner, 317 West 87 St., New York 24, N. Y., advises he has purchased an outstanding collection of worldwide United Nations stamps which won a first prize at ISPEX 1961. Mr. Blauner states he will probably soon have it up for sale.

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ARGENTINA—Our thanks to *Mauricio Yastremiz*, Buenos Aires, for a first day cover and maximum card dated June 17, 1961, with the 2 pesos stamp issued in honor of *General Belgrano* as reported here on June 24, 1961.

AUSTRIA—A set of four stamps was issued on June 8, 1961, and became valid for postage on June 12, 1961, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Society of Viennese Artists. The values and subjects are: 1s The Mountain Mower by *Albin Egger-Lienz*, 1.50s The Kiss by *August von Pettenkofen*, 3s Portrait of a Girl by *Anton Romako*, and 5s The Triumph of Ariadne by *Hans Makart*. The stamps were designed by *Adalbert Pilch* and engraved by *Rudolf Toth*. The plates were made by the Austrian State Printing Works, while the recess-printing was done by the Austrian National Bank's Printing Works for Securities. Three million copies each were printed in sheets of fifty. We are indebted to the following for information and first day covers: *Austrian Information Service*, and *Edwin Mueller*, of New York, and *Gustav Th. Schlesinger*, of Graz.

COSTA RICA—Our thanks to *Ricardo Contreras C.*, San Jose, for the first day cover dated June 14, 1961, with the four portrait stamps issued to commemorate the First Judiciary Congress (forecast May 6, 1961). The values and subjects are as follows: 10 cts *Manuel Aguilar*, 10 cts *Alberto Brenes C.*, 25 cts *Augustin Gutierrez*, and 25 cts *Vicente Herrera*.

CUBA—On June 28, 1961 a 10 centavos stamp was issued for special delivery. The stamps were printed on paper watermarked Republic of Cuba, perf. 12½, edition two million.

—Ministry of Communications

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—On April 24, 1961, a 3 Kcs stamp in the current series was issued depicting the Town of Kladno. It was designed by *Prof. Cyril Bouda*, engraved by *Ladislav Jirka*, and printed by rotary recess in the Post Printing Office in Prague, in sheets of fifty.

As reported in our issue of June 10, 1961, a set of six stamps was issued on May 10, 1961, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Czechoslovakian Communist Party. The values and subjects are as follows: 30 h People's House, at

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—Artia

DENMARK—Our thanks to *Fyens Frimaerkehandel*, Odense, for a first day cover dated June 15, 1961, with the 70 ore King Frederik IX value of the current series which was reported June 3, 1961.

ETHIOPIA—The Imperial Wedding anniversary issue will be released on July 30, 1961. Printing was done by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd., London.

—Ethiopia Philatelic Agency

FRANCE—The 0.30NF portrait stamps of famous stage personalities were issued in Paris on June 10, 1961. One stamp depicts *Rachel* and the other *Talma*. Our thanks to *Pierre A. Cubells*, Soisson, for first day covers with these issues, which we reported here on June 24, 1961.

GERMANY (WEST BERLIN)—Our thanks to *Joachim Dill* and *Gerd Kleinhempel* for first day covers dated June 15, 1961, with the 10pf definitive stamp honoring *Albrecht Duerer* (reported June 10, 1961).

GERMANY (WEST BERLIN)—On July 19, 1961, two stamps will be issued to commemorate the 10th anniversary of German Evangelic Day. The 10pf value shows St. Mary's Church and the 20pf the ruins of Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. They were designed by *R. Gerhardt*, Berlin, and printed by lithography by the German State Printing Office in Berlin, on fluorescent paper watermarked DBP, in sheets of fifty. An edition of six million was printed of the 10pf and four million of the 20pf. The commemoratives will be valid for postage in Berlin and also in West Germany until December 31, 1961.

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GHANA—The first anniversary of the Republic issue which we reported on June 17, 1961, will be released on July 1, 1961, in the following denominations and subjects: 3d, eagle on column beneath Black Star; ½d, flower in Ghana's colors with the Black Star in the center and one leaf; and 2/- three Ghana flags as background for the Black Star. They were printed by photogravure by Harrison & Sons Ltd., London, in sheets of thirty, bearing marginal inscription, plate and control numbers, on watermarked paper, comb-perf.

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HUNGARY—Our thanks to *Magyar Belyegyiutok Orszagos Szovetsege* for a first day cover dated May 24, 1961, with the 40f, 60f, 80f and 2ft values of the Venus rocket set which was fully reported here on June 24, 1961.

INDONESIA—The Thomas Cup 1961 series for the Badminton World Championship was issued on June 1, 1961, in values of 75 sen, Rp. 1 and Rp. 3. Our thanks to *T. G. Lauw*, Djatinegara, for the first day cover with this set reported here on June 24, 1961.

ISRAEL—An IL 0.50 commemorative was issued on June 14, 1961, for the 10th anniversary of the State of Israel Bond Campaign, as well as part two of the airmail series in values of IL 0.25, IL 0.30 and IL 0.35. Our thanks to the *Ministry of Posts*, Jerusalem, for first day covers with these issues, which were fully reported here on May 27, 1961.

ITALY—On June 8, 1961, a 30 lire commemorative was issued to mark the centenary of the death of the writer *Ippolito Nievo* as forecast here on June 24, 1961. The stamp was designed by *R. Mura* and printed by photogravure on multiple stars watermarked paper, perf. 14. Our thanks to *Venetia First Day Covers* and *Pierson Ostrow* for information and a first day cover.

JAPAN—Flower Stamp Series VI, the Iris, was issued on June 15, 1961, as reported here on June 17, 1961. Our thanks to the following for information and first day covers: *Kenji Nakatani*, Kobe, *Kanai Stamp Co. Ltd.* and *H. Tsuge*, Osaka, *William Ross*, *F. Takamura*, S. Miyake, *Meiso Mizuhara*, *Kunihiro Wm. Hatate*, and *Kenzi Miwa*, of Tokyo.

KOREA—On June 16, 1961, a 40 Hwan stamp was issued to commemorate the May 16th Military Revolution. It was designed by *Kim, Kyung Soo* and

revised by *Kang, Choon Whan*. The stamps were printed by lithography at the Korean Government Printing Agency on granite paper watermarked with the Korean Postal Emblem, in sheets of fifty, edition 500,000. A 40 Hwan miniature sheet was also printed in an edition of 50,000. Our thanks to the *World Stamp Co.* and *William J. Rhee*, of Seoul, for information, mint stamps and first day covers.

LUXEMBOURG—Our thanks to *Joachim Dill* for a first day cover dated June 11, 1961, with the 2.50F Ettelbruck Patton Monument stamp forecast here on June 10, 1961.

MALDIVIVE ISLANDS—The release date for the set commemorating the 55th anniversary of the first Maldivian postage stamps (fully reported March 4, 1961) has been postponed to September 9, 1961.

—*Maldivian Philatelic Agency*

MONACO—Through the courtesy of the *Ministry of Posts* we have received first day covers on all the new issues which were reported here on April 8, 1961. Dates of emission, values and subjects are as follows:

June 3, 1961—25c Respect for Life, 25c World Congress of Aquarology, 50c Protection of Nubian Monuments, 1Fr 50th anniversary of 1st Monte Carlo Automobile Rally, and 1 Fr 30th Monte Carlo Rally; also on June 3, 1961—the 3Fr and 5Fr stamps in the St. Devote design (Scott's Type AP 25 of 1960).

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NETHERLANDS ANTILLES—On July 24, 1961, four semipostals (6+2ct, 10+3 ct, 20+6ct, 25+8ct) will be issued for the benefit of children. *Oscar A. Ravelo N.* of Willemstad, Curacao, designed these stamps which depict children in various poses.

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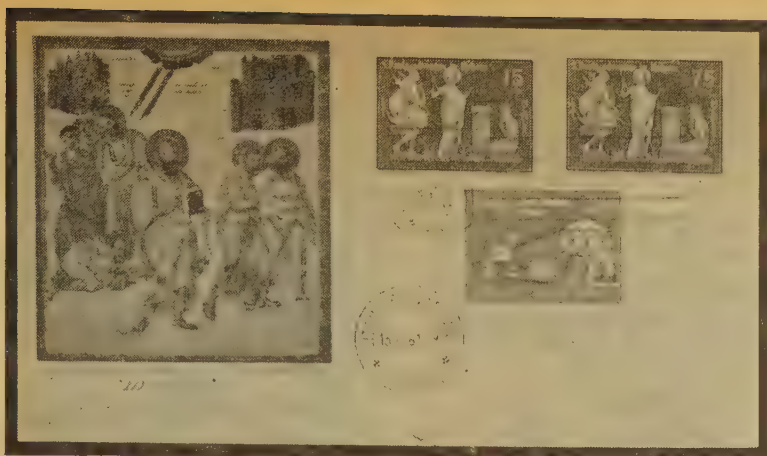
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PARAGUAY—On June 12, 1961, a set of eight stamps was issued commemorating the Chaco Peace. Editions of 200,000 each were released for regular postage in values of 25c, 30c, 50c, 1.00G and 2.00G; editions of 20,000 each for air-mail in values of 3.00G, 4.00G and 100.00G. Our thanks for a first day cover, mint stamps and information to the *Director General of Posts* and the *Paraguayan Philatelic Agency, Inc.*

POLAND—The 60gr and 90gr values of Old Historical Towns of Poland (reported June 17, 1961) were released on May 12, 1961. They were designed by *Witold Chomich* and printed by steel-plate engraving by the State Printing Office in Warsaw.

The 40gr and 1.50zl values for the 30th International Fair at Poznan (reported June 17, 1961) were released on May 25, 1961. The design, by *Zbigniew Kaja*, represents a stylized Hermes' cap and the emblem of the Poznan Fair. The stamps were printed by offset by the State Printing Office in Warsaw.

—*Ars Polona*

SPAIN—*Carlos Lenze* advises that the set commemorating the 25th anniversary of the National Uprising (forecast June 17, 1961) will be composed of twelve values showing six scenes of the Civil War and five of the development of the country afterwards (agriculture, iron industry, mining, ship building and universities), with the highest value depicting Franco.

SURINAM—The official release date for the Man in Space issue (fully reported here and discussed in News, Views

& Comments section by H. L. Lindquist on June 24, 1961) is July 3, 1961, instead of June 30, as announced earlier. The set will remain on sale for one month only.

On August 3, 1961, five values (8+2c, 10+3c, 15+4c, 20+5c, 25+6c) will be issued for the Girl Scout Jamborette. They have been designed by *N. Loning* and printed by multi-color offset by *Enschede & Son, Holland*.

The Red Cross issue, featuring five tropical flowers, will be released on September 4, 1961, in values of 8+4c, 10+5c, 15+6c, 20+10c and 25+12c.

—*Surinam Philatelic Agency*

VATICAN CITY—On June 13, 1961, a six-value set was issued to commemorate the 19th Centenary of the arrival of St. Paul in Rome as reported here on June 3, 1961. The series consists of values of 10 lire, 20 lire, 30 lire, 75 lire and 200 lire. There are three designs: one is a map tracing the voyage of St. Paul from Cesarea in Palestine to Rome, a second represents St. Paul's arrival in Rome as depicted in a panel of the bronze doors of the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the third pictures the Basilica itself. The stamps, all horizontal in format, will be valid for one year. Our thanks to the following for information and first day covers: The *National Catholic Welfare Conference*, Washington, D. C., *Venitia First Day Covers*, Turin, and *Camillo Pescatori, E. Pagnini and Vittorio Lo Bianco*, of Rome.

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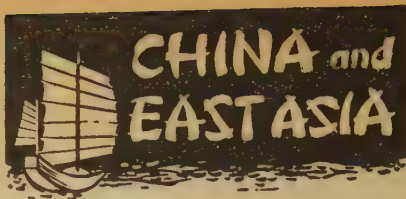
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There were over 2,250 lots of Russia, Offices and States, issues from 1902 to 1959. A total of \$71,338.25 was realized, with many professional buyers from abroad and Canada, as well as the U.S.

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